

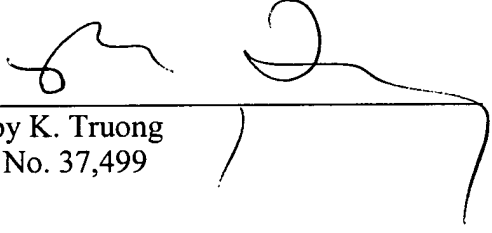
In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, a contention was made that the response was non-compliant because the drawing was not identified as a "replacement sheet", a "new sheet", or an "annotated sheet". Applicants submit that this contention was made in error. Since the drawing was never meant to be a drawing amendment, it did not need to be, and it should not have been, identified as a "replacement sheet", a "new sheet", or an "annotated sheet". Hence, Applicants submit that the response was compliant with all of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Accordingly, Applicants request that the contention of non-compliance be withdrawn.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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